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1. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS: DESTAN BERISHA INTEREST CONGRESSMAN
CONTE. BERISHA'S LAWYER VISITED BERISHA DECEMBER 5. HEALTH
SEEMED GOOD THOUGH MOOD NERVOUS. BERISHA WOULD NOW LIKE WIFE
TO WRITE HIM. ADDRESS: DESTAN BERISHA, PRITVORENIK,
OKRUZNOG SUDA, PRIZREN/KOSMET, YUGOSLAVIA.

2. INDICTMENT NOT YET FILED BUT CHARGES ARE CRYSTALLIZING.
LAWYER TOLD INFORMALLY THAT BERISHA NOW WILL BE CHARGED:
a) UNDER ARTICLE 105 ESPIONAGE FOR PARACHUTING IN 1952 AND
COMING IN A GROUP TO YUGOSLAV SOIL TO CREATE AN INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE TO COLLECT INFORMATION TO BENEFIT A FOREIGN STATE.

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b) UNDER ARTICLE 117/2 FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OF AN
ASSOCIATION TO COMMIT CRIMINAL OFFENSES. UNDER LATTER
BERISHA CHARGED WITH BECOMING MEMBER IN 1966 OF ALBANIAN
INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS TRANSFER OF
TERRITORY OF KOSMET TO ALBANIA. AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY HAVE
PHOTO OF BERISHA ATTENDING BANQUET IN NEW YORK GIVEN BY
SAID ORGANIZATION.

3. A VIEW SENSITIVE NATURE CASE AND CHARGES.

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SOURCES METHOD EXEMPTION 3020
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ACCURATE ESTIMATE TIMETABLE EVENTS DIFFICULT. EMBASSY NOW
RELIEVES TRIAL POSSIBLE LATTER HALF JANUARY.

4. INVESTIGATING JUDGE HAS FORWARDED REPORT OF MEDICAL
EXAMINATION. TRANSLATION BEING FORWARDED UNDER COVER OM.

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